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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: State Department Approval for Missions

1. On 6 November 1958, after a meeting in General Cabell's office attended by Messrs. Bissell, Reber, [redacted] and the undersigned, Ambassador Hugh Cumming was called to secure approval for [redacted]

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[redacted] In addition to the distance (75 miles) to be maintained away from the border, General Cabell advised that weather should be such that visual navigation could be accomplished.

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2. Ambassador Cumming advised at 1400, 6 November, that [redacted] had been held in abeyance for the time being but that he would see either the Under Secretary or Secretary of State to secure approval.

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3. At 1745 Ambassador Cumming called stating that

a) the Secretary approved the mission provided 75 miles distance away from the border was maintained;

b) that altitudes flown would not be below the normal altitude for the U-2; and

c) that visual navigation could be accomplished.

Ambassador Cumming further stated that the Secretary told him he saw no reason why missions of this sort need be forwarded to the President for approval.

4. I advised the Ambassador that all conditions set by the Secretary would be complied with and that the mission would not be dispatched prior to a personal check of the weather by either Mr. Bissell or myself.

State Dept. review completed

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